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AT the Court at St. *James's* the 31ſt Day of *March*, 1718.

PRESENT,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

His Majeſty having appointed the Right Honourable Charles Earl of Carliſle, Conſtable of the Tower of London, to be Lord Lieutenant of the Tower-Hamlets, his Lordſhip took the Oaths appointed to be taken inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

The Right Honourable James Lord Viſcount Stanhope was alſo by His Majeſty's Command ſworn one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

The Right Honourable Richard Hampden, Eſq; was ſworn one of the Lords of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

St. James's, March 30. The following Addreſs having been tranſmitted from Ireland, was preſented to His Majeſty by his Grace the Duke of Bolton, Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom.

The humble Addreſs of the preſent Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Common Council, Citizens and Free-holders of His Majeſty's City of Kilkenny in the Kingdom of Ireland, at a General Aſſembly held in the Tholſel of the ſaid City the 11th of February, 1717.

Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

Madrid, March 21. The King having reſolved that no Perſon ſhall enjoy more than one Office in his Service, Notice has been given to the Duke d'Arco, who is Maſter of the Horſe, Chief Huntſman and Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber, the Marquis de Montalegre Lord Chamberlain and Captain of the Guard of Halbardiers, the Marqueſs de St. Juan Steward of the Houſhold and Maſter of the Horſe to the Queen, and one of the Council of the Hazienda, the Marquis of Bedmar Miniſter of War and Preſident of the Council of the Orders, and to ſeveral others who are in the like Caſe, to chuſe which of their Employments they will keep; to which they have all replied, that they ſhall make no Choice, but will be determined by what his Majeſty ſhall think fit to appoint. The like Orders are given in the Army, where thoſe who receive Pay as General Officers and have Collonels Commiſſions beſides, are obliged to part with their Regiments. An Apartment is preparing in the Imperial College of the Jeſuits for the Marquis de Nancré, who is daily expected from Paris, and is ſaid to bring ſome Propoſals for an Accommodation between this Court and that of Vienna. The States of Biſcay have ſubmitted to the Eſtabliſhment of Cuſtom Houſes in their Ports; but complain of the quartering of Troops in ſeveral Towns in that Province, an Exemption from which they pretend to be one of their ancient Privileges, and they have appointed two Deputies to come hither with a Repreſentation of their Grievances. Tranſport-Ships are getting ready in the ſeveral Ports of Valencia and Catalonia to carry off the Remainder of the Forces quartered in thoſe Provinces that are deſigned for Sardinia.

Genoa, March 22. Don Carlo Grillo, a Flag-Officer in the Spaniſh Service, has lately left this Place in order to return to Madrid; he has bought here for the King his Maſter a Ship of 70 Guns, which is fitting out to Sea with all Expedition. The Spaniards are erecting a Magazine of Stores of War at Longone. The Imperialiſts on the other Hand are putting ſeveral Places along the Coaſt of Tuſcany in a Poſture of Defence. They write from Barcelona, that a conſiderable Number of Ships were hired there and in the neighbouring Ports to tranſport the laſt of their Forces for Sardinia, which would be ready to embark by the End of the next Month, and would make the Spaniſh Army in that Iſland above 20000 ſtrong.

Venice, March 25. Signiors David and Paul Spinelli, two Genoeſe Gentlemen, were upon their Petition admitted this Week by the Grand Council into the Order of the Nobility of this Republick, having purchaſed that Honour for an Hundred Thouſand Ducats. The Senate have choſen Signior Giovanni Moroſini, who has diſtinguiſh'd himſelf in their Service at Sea, to be a Flag Officer in their Fleet. A ſecond Rate Man of War was launched in our Arſenal laſt Week, and named the Swan. Three Ships more of the firſt Rate, and four of the third, that have been refitting here, will be ready to ſail in a few Days to join our Fleet; which by our laſt Letters from Corfu was in a Readineſs to put to Sea. Theſe Advices add, that a large Body of Turks had appeared in the Neighbourhood of Vonizza and Preveza, but being charged by our Troops retired with Loſs; and that ſo good a Diſpoſition is made for the maintaining of our Poſts on that Side, that there is no Apprehenſion of any further Attempts from the Enemy.

Vienna, March 27. General Virmond, whom the Emperour has appointed his firſt Plenipotentiary to treat of a Peace with the Turks, arrived here Yeſterday to receive his Inſtructions, and will in a few Days ſet out on his Journey to Hungary. Sir Robert Sutton, His Majeſty of Great Britain's Ambaſſador and Plenipotentiary as Mediator of that Treaty, is likewiſe on his Departure thither. However, the Preparations for an early Campaign are carrying on with the utmoſt Application, and Recruits and Supplies of Ammunition and other Warlike Stores are daily ſent from theſe Parts by Water to our Army in Hungary, ſince the Thaw has reſtored the Navigation of that River. Letters from thence give an Account, that a Body of Turks and Tartars was drawing together near Widin, and were making a Bridge there over the Danube, with Intent to beat up the Quarters of our Troops in Walachia, and if they ſucceeded to proceed from thence into Tranſylvania; but that our Gene-

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